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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Patricia M. Bianco	3762

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 May 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1 and 12-16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 2-11 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 04 February 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/2/04.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: Detailed Action.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant elected, without traverse, the invention of claims 2-11 in a telephone conversation with Examiner LoAn Thanh on May 24th, 2005.

Claims 1 and 12-16 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Drawings

The drawings were received on Feb. 04, 2005. These drawings are approved.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In line 2 the claim sets forth the limitation "**into said**

proximate a ventricle" and in line 3 "***coupling a valve into said catheter.***" The recitation said proximate a ventricle is not a clear step; it appears that a word is missing between *said* and *proximate*. The step of coupling a valve *into* a catheter also does not make sense. Does applicant mean coupling a valve to a catheter? These recitations are confusing and render the claim indefinite. Correction is required.

Claims 4, 5, 7 & 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Independent claims 4 & 7 set forth the limitation "***said catheter has approximately a one hundred eighty degree bend.***" The recitation is confusing since 180 degrees is a straight line and therefore cannot be a bend. With respect to claims 5 & 8, they are indefinite since they depend from claims 4 & 7 respectively. These recitations are confusing and render the claim indefinite. Correction is required.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "***into said cranium***" in line four of the claim. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Neither claim 4 or the claim it depends from sets for a step involving the cranium.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 2-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Børgesen (6,283,934). Børgesen discloses a device and method for treating hydrocephalus via implanting a catheter and valve system into the brain of a patient. The shunt/valve device is implanted between the sinus sagittalis and a ventricle. The device comprises a ventricle catheter and a sinus catheter, connected to one another by a valve. As shown in the figures depicting use or implantation, the sinus catheter has a bend, which is at least ninety degrees and appears to be approximately 7 to 11 centimeters from the opposite end of the catheter. Børgesen discloses that the device may have catheter portions made of silicone rubber, polyethylene, polypropylene, polycarbonate, polysulfone, polystyrene or PVC. Many of which have durometers of approximately 80. With respect to the method of implanting the shunt/valve device, Børgesen teaches that a first part or ventricle portion of the catheter is inserted into a ventricle, a sinus catheter portion is inserted into the sagittal sinus, and the valve is connected between them.

Conclusion

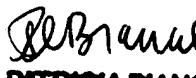
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Watson et al. (5,662,600), Børgesen 2002/0045847 A1 & 2004/0073154 A1 all disclose analogous devices and methods.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patricia M. Bianco whose telephone number is (571) 272-4940. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 9:00-6:30, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Angela Sykes can be reached on (571) 272-4955. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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